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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the 8 drawing sheets on file containing Figs. 1-17 with the attached 8 replacement pages containing Figs. 1-17.

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REMARKS

By this amendment claims 1-20 have been cancelled and claims 21-39 have been added. Consequently, claims 21-39 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objections to the Drawings

Applicant submits herewith replacement formal drawings believed to overcome the Examiner's objections. The solid black shading has been removed and the cross-sections have been shown with what is believed to be proper cross-hatching.

Objection to Improper Multiple Dependent Claims

Applicant has cancelled objected to claims 5-20. New claims 21-39 are believed not to have improper multiple dependencies. It is believed that the Examiner's objection in this regard has been overcome.

Rejections Based on Prior Art

Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102(b) in view of Saito (US Pat. No. 6,340,299). In response, claims 1-4 have been cancelled. New independent claims 21 and 32 more precisely define the claimed invention and are believed patentable over Saito.

Information Disclosure Statement

An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith under 37 CFR 1.97(c). Form PTO-2038 is submitted herewith in respect of the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the currently pending claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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